

### HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR DELTA REGION REVITALIZATION CORPORATION



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**Washington, DC** – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has awarded the Delta Region Revitalization Corporation with a \$500,000 grant to help fund the Mercado Delta Project.

Three years ago, Congressman Hinojosa convened a meeting of community leaders and elected officials in the Delta Region of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to discuss a strategy for revitalizing and increasing economic development in the communities of Edcouch, Elsa, La Villa, Monte Alto and surrounding rural areas.

"For years, this area in the Rio Grande Valley has not experienced the same type of economic investment and development as other communities in the region," said

Hinojosa. "As the population continues its tremendous growth, we need to find ways to create jobs and invest money back in the community."

In 2003, a group was formally organized with the founding 13-member Delta Region Revitalization Project Governing Board, chaired by Hidalgo County Commissioner Sylvia Handy to start developing creative and unique strategies. The Delta Region Revitalization Project was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) to develop a comprehensive economic development plan for the Delta Region. The 10-Yr. Strategic Plan was unveiled this year.

One strategy in the plan to increase economic and commercial activity in the Delta

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Region is the creation of an outdoor market, the "Mercado Delta." The Mercado will be located in Edcouch and will serve as an area where local entrepreneurs and artisans can sell locally-produced and imported goods and products. The Mercado will provide rented space that will foster small business growth and commerce and serve as a destination point for winter Texans, visitors from the Rio Grande Valley and from around the state.

"This exciting project is just the first step in what is sure to be an increase of commerce, employment opportunities and entrepreneurship for these communities," continued Hinojosa. "The City of Edcouch is fully supporting this project, and I am confident that the entire Delta Region can benefit from the potential of this project."

The Mercado Delta will be managed by the newly created Delta Region Revitalization Corporation, a non-profit corporation that will spearhead other future development projects. The establishment of a non-profit entity with capacity for economic and community development was recommended in the Strategic Plan as well.



## **HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES E-RATE FUNDING FOR 15<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) has announced that various school districts and public libraries in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District have received funding under the E-Rate program, which provides discounts between 20 and 90 percent to schools and libraries for the cost of education technology (Internet Access and Telecom Services). The funding represents discounts that schools will receive for specific technology needs, including Internet services and access, telecommunications, and internal connections needed to bring information straight to schools and libraries. The recipients are as follows:

Beeville School District, Beeville, TX - \$184,637.77  
Weslaco Public Library, Weslaco, TX - \$41,503.32  
Eula and David Winterman Library, Eagle Lake, TX - \$6,372.19  
Moulton Independent School District, Moulton, TX - \$16,703.23  
Sheridan Memorial Library, Sheridan, TX - \$5,545.82  
Skidmore Tynan School District, Skidmore, TX - \$22,425.73  
Vysehrad Independent School District, Hallettsville, TX - \$7,245.72  
Woodsboro Independent School District, Woodsboro, TX - \$18,547.94  
Alice Independent School District, Alice, TX - \$214,300.50  
Brooks County Independent School District, Falfurrias, TX - \$1,047,970.93  
Ezzell Elementary School, Hallettsville, TX - \$8,823.67  
La Grange Independent School District, LaGrange, TX - \$47,975.67

## HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$2 MILLION GRANT FOR TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, HARLINGEN

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the United States Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded the Texas State Technical College (TSTC) Harlingen with a \$2,064,161.00 Community-Based Job Training Grant. This program builds on the High Growth Job Training Initiative, a model for demand-driven workforce development implemented by partnerships between the workforce investment system, employers and community colleges.

The primary purpose of the Community-Based Job Training Grants is to build the capacity of community colleges to train workers for success in high-growth, high-demand industries.

"Our workforce is in a continuous state of change – and with that change comes the need to train and develop workers with the skills they need to succeed," said Hinojosa. "As businesses continue to grow and meet the challenges of a changing economy, they need a workforce that can meet this demand. Community colleges play an integral role in providing workers with tools to develop, retool, and broaden their skills. I congratulate TSTC on this tremendous accomplishment and look forward to the results of their efforts in preparing workers for high-demand occupations."

TSTC will partner with: Cameron Works, Inc., East Texas Workforce Center, Heart of Texas WIB, WorkFORCE Solutions, East Texas Workforce Board, Texas Workforce Commission, Texas State Technical College System – Marshall, West Texas, Waco; Baylor University; University of Texas, Brownsville; ISDs (Hallsville, Lyford, Longview, Raymondville, Harlingen); High Schools (San Perlita, Elysian Fields, East Texas Tech. Prep); NIMS; Harlingen Area Manufacturers Association; Waco Chamber of Commerce; Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce; Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce; Marshall Economic Development Corporation; Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce; Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development; Longview Economic Development Corporation.

The funds must be used for both of the following activities:

- Increasing the capacity of community colleges to provide training in a local high growth, high - demand industry through activities such as the development of training curricula with local industry, hiring qualified faculty, arranging on-the-job experiences with industry, and using up-to-date equipment; and,
- Training new and experienced workers in identified high - growth, high- demand industries, with the aim of employing and/or increasing the retention and earnings of trained workers, while meeting the skill needs of businesses within targeted industries.



# Funding Opportunities

## AGRICULTURE

### National Research Initiative: Agricultural Prosperity for Small and Medium-Sized Farms

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)*

**Deadline: 12/08/2005**

The purpose of this program is to foster interdisciplinary studies to improve our understanding of the interactions between the economic and environmental components important to the long-term viability, competitiveness and efficiency of small and medium-sized farms (including social, biological and other components, if necessary). While small and medium-sized farms account for less than 25 percent of the value of all agricultural products sold in the U.S., the long-term viability of these farms is critical to the prosperity of rural people and these farms account for approximately 92 percent of all farms in the U.S. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants:

City or Township Governments, County Governments, For-profit Organizations Other Than Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions  
Individuals, Native American Tribal Organizations, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than  
Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher  
Education, Small Business, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education and State Governments

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### National Research Initiative: Managed Ecosystems

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)*

**Deadline: 12/08/2005**

The goals of the Managed Ecosystems program are to protect and enhance the natural resource base and environment through the appropriate use and management of ecological systems; enhance economic opportunities by increasing productivity and ecosystem services; and improve the quality of life in rural America through improved environmental quality. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants:

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### National Research Initiative: Animal Biosecurity Coordinated Agricultural Projects

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)*

**Deadline: 10/31/2006**

Strengthening the Nation's capacity to protect animal agriculture from disease losses and threats arising from high impact endemic diseases, new or re-emerging challenges, or foreign diseases accidentally or intentionally introduced, is a major challenge facing the U.S. The Animal Biosecurity Program was initiated in FY 2003 and serves as a catalyst to bring the larger animal health community together for specific diseases or issues. In FY 2006, this program only invites renewal applications for existing Coordinated Agricultural Projects (CAP); specifically for: 1) Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) and 2) John's Disease. Please note that program priorities may have changed. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$4,800,000

Eligible Applicants:

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### National Research Initiative: Plant Genome

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 2/15/2006**

The NRI Plant Genome Program supports research ranging from technology development to fundamental science and practical application for crop or forestry improvement in the U.S. The ultimate goal of the program is to contribute knowledge about the biology of agriculturally important plant processes and traits, which can be used to develop crops with enhanced economic value and expanded utility. In FY 2006, the program will have four program elements: Genome Tools, Resources, and Bioinformatics; Functional Genomics; Genome Structure and Organization; and an Applied Genomics Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP). Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$5,000,000

Eligible Applicants:

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## Funding Opportunities

### National Research Initiative: Biology of Weedy and Invasive Species in Agroecosystems

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 2/15/2006**

It has been estimated that approximately 50,000 species of plants and animals have been introduced into the U.S., and that they cause environmental damage and losses adding up to more than \$100 billion/yr. The goal of the program is to support inter-disciplinary experimental, observational, theoretical, and modeling studies of invasive species that lead to ecological and economic models in cost/benefit analyses of different management, control and elimination strategies. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants:

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### National Research Initiative: Agricultural Plant Biochemistry

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 2/07/2006**

It has been estimated that approximately 50,000 species of plants and animals have been introduced into the U.S., and that they cause environmental damage and losses adding up to more than \$100 billion/yr. The goal of the program is to support inter-disciplinary experimental, observational, theoretical, and modeling studies of invasive species that lead to ecological and economic models in cost/benefit analyses of different management, control and elimination strategies. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

Eligible Applicants:

1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, City or Township Governments, County Governments, For-profit Organizations Other  
Than Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Organizations, not Federally recognized Tribal Gov-  
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### National Research Initiative: Soil Processes

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*



## Funding Opportunities

**Deadline: 1/19/2006**

Soil is a vital natural resource that not only sustains plant and animal productivity, but also has profound effects on the health and quality of the environment. As such, agriculturally-related sustainability hinges on the interactions among the biological, chemical and physical properties and processes in this below-ground ecosystem. More science-based knowledge is needed to fill gaps regarding the combined interactions of the properties and processes affecting soil quality as it relates to agricultural sustainability. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants:

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### National Research Initiative: Water and Watersheds

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 1/19/2006**

The goals of the Water and Watersheds program are to protect and enhance the natural resource base and environment by improving and maintaining healthy watershed habitat and water supply protection; enhance economic opportunities by reducing economic liability from water contamination; improve the quality of life in rural America through adequate clean water supplies; and protect food safety through clean irrigation and livestock drinking water supplies. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

Eligible Applicants:

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### National Research Initiative: Agricultural Plants and Environmental Adaptation

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

## Funding Opportunities

**Deadline: 1/10/2006**

The future of agricultural productivity and sustainability depends on the ability of crop plants to grow and be productive in response to a changing environment. To lessen the impacts on yield, agriculturally-important plants and trees will need to adapt to environmental perturbations which can range from short term challenges, such as flooding, to long-term challenges, such as global climate change, sustained drought, and loss of arable land. This program supports fundamental plant research to optimize biological yield and quality while improving tolerance to environmental stress in agriculturally important plants. This program also supports integrated activities to advance training in plant breeding and germplasm enhancement. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$600,000

Eligible Applicants:

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### ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### The NEA Foundation

**Deadline: 2/01/2006**

Grants are provided for the purpose of engaging in high-quality professional development or implementing project-based learning and break-the-mold innovations that raise student achievement.

Maximum Award: \$5,000.

Eligibility: public school teachers, public school education support professionals, and faculty and staff in public higher education institutions.

Website: <http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.html>

#### We The People Challenge Grants in United States History, Institutions, and Culture

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 2/01/2006**

As part of its We the People initiative, NEH invites proposals for challenge grants designed to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for humanities activities that explore significant themes and events in American history, thereby advancing knowledge of the founding principles of the United States in their full historical and institutional context.

Both federal and nonfederal funds must provide long-term benefits to the humanities. We the People challenge grant funds should not merely replace funds already being expended on the humanities, but instead should reflect careful strategic planning to improve and strengthen the institution's activities in and commitment to the teaching, studying, and understanding of the principles underlying our nation's history, institutions, and culture.

Challenge grants most commonly augment or establish endowments that support humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly re-



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search, and preservation. Institutions may use the income from invested funds to meet ongoing humanities-related costs. Examples include: faculty and staff positions, fellowships, lecture or exhibition series, visiting scholars or consultants, publishing subventions, maintenance of facilities, faculty and staff development, acquisitions, and preservation/conservation programs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Eligible Applicants: With the exception of elementary and secondary schools or school districts, any U. S. nonprofit institution (public agency or private nonprofit organization) working wholly or in part with the humanities may apply for a challenge grant.

Contact: Office of Challenge Grants, Phone: 202-606-8309, Email: [Challenge@neh.gov](mailto:Challenge@neh.gov)

### National Leadership Grants for Libraries

*Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)*

**Deadline: 02/01/2006**

National Leadership Grants enable libraries and museums to help all individuals attain the knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors, and resources that enhance their engagement in community, work, family, and society. Projects should enable libraries and museums to address current problems in creative ways, develop and test innovative solutions, and expand the boundaries within which cultural heritage institutions operate. The results of these projects will help equip tomorrow's libraries and museums to better meet the needs of a Nation of Learners.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Eligible Applicants: All types of libraries, except federal and for-profit libraries, may apply. Eligible libraries include public, school, academic, special, private (not-for-profit), archives, library agencies, library consortia, and library associations. In addition, research libraries and archives that give the public access to services and materials suitable for scholarly research not otherwise available and that are not part of a university or college are eligible.

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### National Leadership Grants for Museums

*Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)*

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Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Eligible Applicants: All types of museums, large and small, are eligible for funding. Eligible museums include aquariums, arboretums and botanical gardens, art museums, youth museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums, and zoological parks. Federally operated and for-profit museums may not apply for IMLS funds.

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### Museum Assessment Program

*Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)*

## Funding Opportunities

**Deadline: 2/15/2006**

The American Association of Museums' Museum Assessment Program is supported through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services. It is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses and to plan for the future.

The program provides technical assistance for four assessments: collections management, governance, institutional, and public dimension.

**Eligible Applicants:** All types of museums, large and small, are eligible for funding. Eligible museums include aquariums, arboreta and botanical gardens, art museums, youth museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums and zoological parks. Federally operated and for-profit museums may not apply for IMLS funds.

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### 21st Century Museum Professionals

*Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)*

**Deadline: 3/15/2006**

Museums play a critical role in the education of the public in the United States by preserving America's rich cultural heritage and helping to transmit it from one generation to the next. Museum professionals need high levels of knowledge and expertise as they help to create public value for both local and national communities. This program supports projects that address the preparation of museum professionals for the future by updating and expanding their knowledge and skills.

The 21st Century Museum Professionals program supports a range of activities, including professional training in all areas of museum operations and leadership development. This program provides the museum community with support for a variety of training and personnel development activities for museum staff members across all types of museums, as well as the collection and dissemination of information to museum professionals and the public. Project design could include direct dissemination of information through workshops, seminars, and courses or indirect communication through publications and Web sites. Projects should benefit multiple institutions or diverse constituencies.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

**Eligible Applicants:** All types of museums, large and small, are eligible for funding. Eligible museums include aquariums, arboretums and botanical gardens, art museums, youth museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums, and zoological parks. Federally operated and for-profit museums may not apply for IMLS funds.

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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### National Research Initiative: Rural Development

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 2/1/2006**

Rural America is home to 20 percent of the nation's population, 49 million citizens, and comprises 75 percent of the nation's land. In the next ten years, the Rural Development program will pursue three objectives to increase economic opportunity and improve rural quality of life. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

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### Economic Development Assistance Programs

*U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Economic Development Administration (EDA)*

#### Deadline: Rolling/Open

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is soliciting proposals for the following programs: Grants for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities; Economic Development--Support for Planning Organizations; Economic Development--Technical Assistance; Economic Adjustment Assistance; and Economic Development--Trade Adjustment Assistance. EDA's mission is to lead the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA fulfills its mission by investing in the following: Public works, infrastructure and development facilities; the crafting and implementation of comprehensive economic development strategies; local, national and University Center-based technical assistance projects; and revolving loan funds. Under separate statutory authority, EDA also provides technical assistance to firms adversely affected by directly competitive imported products.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA financial assistance include Economic Development Districts; Indian tribes or consortia of Indian tribes; states; cities or other political subdivision; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; public or private nonprofit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

### EDUCATION

#### Box Tops for Education Kids' Caucus for Education

##### Deadline: 12/01/2005

This event will be an assembly of children, parents, education officials, and members of Congress who will meet to discuss solutions to improving parental involvement in education in the United States. The Kids' Caucus, to be held on Capitol Hill in April 2006, will provide an opportunity for those who deal with parental involvement in education every day -- parents, teachers and children -- to offer practical insight to education officials into how parental involvement in education can be improved. In conjunction, students are invited to submit an essay to receive a grant and compete for inclusion in the caucus.

Maximum Award: \$1000.

Eligibility: Students grade 5-8

Website: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

#### National Schools of Character

##### Deadline: 12/05/2005

## Funding Opportunities

The National Schools of Character (NSOC) Awards program has a twofold purpose: 1) To identify exemplary schools and districts to serve as models for others; and 2) To help schools and districts improve their efforts in effective character education.

Maximum Award: \$2000

Eligibility: To be eligible, a school must have been engaged in character education for a minimum of three full years, starting no later than December 2002 for the 2006 awards. Districts need to have been engaged in character education for a minimum of four full years, starting no later than December 2001. Smaller administrative units that maintain a separate identity within a large district may apply in the district category, e.g., a school pyramid or cluster.

Website: [http://www.character.org/eventsawards/nsoc/files/2006\\_nsoc\\_awards.pdf](http://www.character.org/eventsawards/nsoc/files/2006_nsoc_awards.pdf)

### Digital Imaging & Visual Learning Grants

**Deadline: 12/30/ 2006**

Olympus America, Inc. & Tool Factory, Inc. sponsor a classroom grants program designed to strengthen education through digital imaging and the power of visual learning.

Maximum Award: \$3,500.

Eligibility: K12 and special education schools in the US, its territories, and Canada

Website: [http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus\\_contest/olympus\\_teacher.html](http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/olympus_teacher.html)

### American Library Association & NEH

**Deadline: 01/17/2006**

The "We the People Bookshelf" program encourages young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history. Public and school (K-12) libraries are invited to apply to be among the 1,000 libraries selected to receive free books.

Website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/currentprograms/wethepeople/wepeople.htm>

### Youth Nutrition & Fitness Grant Program

**Deadline: 2/01/2006**

General Mills Foundation Champions Youth Nutrition and Fitness grant program to encourage communities in the United States to improve the eating and physical activity patterns of young people, ages 2-20. Grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations and agencies working with communities that demonstrate the greatest need and likelihood of sustainable impact on young people's nutrition and activity levels through innovative programs.

Maximum Award: \$10,000

Eligibility: community-based groups

Website: <http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>

### Women's Sports Foundation GoGirlGo! Grant and Educational Program

**Deadline: 03/15/2006**

The Foundation provides financial assistance to sports and physical activity programs seeking to add new or expanded program participation opportunities for an under-served population of girls, particularly economically disadvantaged girls and/or girls from populations with high incidences of health-risk behaviors.

## Funding Opportunities

Maximum Award: varies

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) program status or nonprofits with a demonstrated ability to deliver girls' sport/physical activity programming to girls in third to eighth grade. If the program does not have nonprofit status, it may be possible to receive a grant under support of a local fiscal agent. Applications will be available December 15, 2005.

Website: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/results.html>

### Nickelodeon Announces Giveaway Program to Encourage Healthy Play

**Deadline: rolling, until 05/31/06**

Children's television network Nickelodeon will distribute more than \$1 million from September 2005 to June 2006. The "Let's Just Play" Giveaway offers kids around the United States the opportunity to take action and enter for a chance to improve their school or community program's fitness resources.

Maximum Award: \$5000

Eligible Applicants: Kids (6-15 years of age), partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders.

Website: [http://www.nick.com/all\\_nick/everything\\_nick/](http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/)

### Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, NC: Outdoor Classroom Grant Program

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, International Paper and National Geographic Explorer! classroom magazine have partnered to create an outdoor classroom grant program to provide schools with additional resources to improve their science curriculum by engaging students in hands-on experiences outside the traditional classroom.

Maximum Grant Size: \$20,000

Number of Awards: 100

Eligible Applicants: All K-12 public schools in the United States (excluding Puerto Rico) are welcome to apply.

Website: <http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/outdoor/index.html%20>

### Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program

**Deadline: 12/10/2005**

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program (JFMF) provides U.S. primary and secondary school teachers and administrators with the opportunity to participate in three-week study visits to Japan and to return home with a follow-on plan designed to introduce Japanese culture to American students. Each year, up to 600 teachers and administrators, including participants from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, are selected to participate in the JFMF program. The JFMF Program features an orientation to Japan followed by visits to primary and secondary schools, teacher training colleges, cultural sites, and industrial facilities. Meetings with Japanese teachers and students and a home stay with a Japanese family are also key components of the program. Participants return home to share their new knowledge with students, colleagues, and the local community, ensuring that more than just the individual participants profit from the experience. As an additional benefit to participants, graduate level credits are also available.

Website: <http://www.iie.org/jfmf>

### National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) -- Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Teachers

**Deadline: 01/19/2006**

Proposals must describe a project, including its potential impact on students and a budget of up to \$10,000 (up to \$2,500 for mini-grants). Toyota TAP-

## Funding Opportunities

ESTRY grants will be awarded in three categories:

- Environmental science education
- Physical science applications
- Literacy and science education

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 51

Eligible Applicants: Toyota TAPESTRY is open to K-12 teachers of science. Middle and high school science teachers must teach at least two science classes per day. Elementary teachers must teach some science in the classroom or work as teaching specialists. All applicants must have at least three years of science teaching experience in a K-12 school, not including the current school year. Only residents of the United States and U.S. territories and possessions may apply.

Website: <http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/index.htm>

### Secondary and Two-Year Postsecondary Agriculture Education Challenge Grants Program

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 1/12/2006**

The purpose of the Secondary and Two-Year Postsecondary Agriculture Education Challenge (SPEC) Grants Program is to promote and strengthen teaching programs in agriscience and agribusiness, at secondary and 2-year postsecondary institutions, by enhancing curricula, increasing faculty teaching competencies, promoting higher education to prepare students for scientific and professional careers, incorporating agriscience or agribusiness subject matter into other instructional programs, facilitating joint initiatives among other educational institutions, and to respond to identified State, regional, national or international educational needs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$50,000

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by public secondary schools or by public or private nonprofit junior and community colleges.

Contact: P. Gregory Smith, Phone: 202-720-1973, Email: [gsmith@csrees.usda](mailto:gsmith@csrees.usda)

Website: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/06\\_sec\\_challenge.pdf](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/06_sec_challenge.pdf)

### Research in Disabilities Education

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 01/16/2005**

The Research in Disabilities Education (RDE) program supports efforts to increase the participation and achievement of persons with disabilities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and careers. Meritorious projects from a diversity of institutions are supported via the RDE Demonstration, Enrichment, and Information Dissemination (RDE-DEI) program track. Promising research efforts are also developed further via awards under the Focused-Research Initiatives (RDE-FRI) program track. In the third program track, broadly applicable methods and products are disseminated for widespread use, commercialization, or inclusion in the activities of program-sponsored Regional Alliances for persons with disabilities in STEM education (RDE-RAD). RDE Alliances serve to inform the public, government, and industry about proven-good practices in the classroom, promote broader awareness of disabilities issues, and define specific areas of accessibility and human learning in need of further attention by educators and the research community.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Number of Awards: 10-12

## Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals. Proposals from minority-serving institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities are especially encouraged.

Contact: Ted A Conway, Phone: 703-292-4655, Email: [tconway@nsf.gov](mailto:tconway@nsf.gov)

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

### Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Engineering

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The NSF-wide Mathematical Sciences Priority Area (MSPA), the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) and the Directorate for Engineering (ENG) anticipate funding projects of mutual interest. The research envisioned in this program will seek to build new mathematical and statistical methods and structures within the context of meaningful engineering applications. Appropriate for inclusion under this program are proposals that address the broad topical areas of large data sets (e.g., inference, learning and real-time dynamic optimization), modeling and handling uncertainty (e.g., decision-making under uncertainty) and enhancing the understanding and management of complex systems (e.g., modeling, control and optimization of systems involving multiple scales in time and space). Proposed projects should be innovative and strive for breakthroughs rather than incremental improvement, and should be of compelling independent interest within both the engineering and mathematical and statistical sciences communities. Proposals should focus on developing, extending and analyzing general-purpose mathematical and statistical methods. Efforts at a greater unification of methods, approaches and principles are welcome.

Funding Available: \$5,800,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

### Interactions between the Mathematical Sciences and the Physical Sciences

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 12/20/2005**

The NSF-wide Mathematical Sciences Priority Area, the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences anticipates funding projects of interest to both the mathematical sciences and the physical sciences divisions (astronomy, chemistry, materials research, and physics). Proposals appropriate to this program are those that address at least one of the following broad interdisciplinary topic areas: (1) mathematical and statistical challenges posed by large data sets, (2) managing and modeling uncertainty, and (3) modeling complex nonlinear systems. Proposed projects should be innovative and strive for breakthroughs rather than incremental improvement, and should be of compelling independent interest within both the physical sciences and mathematical and statistical sciences communities. Requests for supplementary funding that will significantly enhance existing projects in these areas and for workshops will also be considered.

Total Funding Available: \$5,100,000

Number of Awards: 25-35

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>



## Funding Opportunities

### Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Computer Science

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 03/01/2006**

The Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) of the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences and the Division of Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF) of the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering of the National Science Foundation (NSF) plan to support projects of mutual interest in specific areas. More precisely, they plan to support research and development teams focusing on mathematical and computational innovations relevant to the following areas of specific interest:

- Mathematical and statistical models, computational theory and algorithms for high-dimensional, under-sampled data sets
- Algorithms for scalable scientific computation
- Models and algorithms for graphics and visualization

As this joint funding will focus on areas of mutual interest, proposals must originate from teams involving collaborators of mathematical scientists and computer scientists.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 5-10

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

### Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Engineering

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

As part of the NSF-wide Mathematical Sciences Priority Area (MSPA), the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) and the Directorate for Engineering (ENG) anticipate funding projects of mutual interest. The research envisioned in this program will seek to build new mathematical and statistical methods and structures within the context of meaningful engineering applications. Appropriate for inclusion under this program are proposals that address the broad topical areas of large data sets (e.g., inference, learning and real-time dynamic optimization), modeling and handling uncertainty (e.g., decision-making under uncertainty) and enhancing the understanding and management of complex systems (e.g., modeling, control and optimization of systems involving multiple scales in time and space). Proposed projects should be innovative and strive for breakthroughs rather than incremental improvement, and should be of compelling independent interest within both the engineering and mathematical and statistical sciences communities. Proposals should focus on developing, extending and analyzing general-purpose mathematical and statistical methods. Efforts at a greater unification of methods, approaches and principles are welcome.

Total Funding Available: \$5,800,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

## Funding Opportunities

### Higher Education Challenge Grants Program

*Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Office of Extramural Programs*

**Deadline: 02/06/2005**

The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service requests applications for the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program (HEC) for fiscal year 2006 to stimulate and enable colleges and universities to provide the quality of education necessary to produce baccalaureate or higher degree level graduates capable of strengthening the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce. The purpose of HEC is to strengthen institutional capabilities to improve teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences or in rural economic, community and business development, including curriculum, faculty, scientific instrumentation, instructional delivery systems, and student recruitment and retention, to respond to identified State, regional, national or international educational needs.

Total Funding Available: \$5,500,000

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by:

U.S. public or private nonprofit colleges and universities offering a baccalaureate or first professional degree in at least one discipline or area of the food and agricultural sciences; land-grant colleges and universities (including land grant institutions in the Insular Areas); colleges and universities having significant minority enrollments and a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences; and other colleges and universities having a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences.

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Website: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/hep\\_challenge.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/hep_challenge.html)

### Learn and Serve America Higher Education Program #1 (Priority #1: Higher Education Consortia)

*Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)*

**Deadline: 2/28/2006**

The purpose of higher education grants is to expand participation in community service and service-learning by supporting innovative community service programs carried out through institutions of higher education that act as civic institutions to meet the human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs of neighboring communities. Emphasis is placed both on institutional change to support service and service-learning within higher education and on community problem-solving and capacity-building.

Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grants support a variety of community service and service-learning activities including: creating and expanding community service and service-learning programs; training faculty, K-12 teachers, and others to conduct service-learning; integrating service-learning into professional education programs; strengthening the service-learning infrastructure within higher education institutions; and supplementing community service and service-learning activities through Federal Work-Study (FWS) programs. Participants in higher education programs include graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Under this competition, Learn and Serve America funds innovative proposals that strengthen the foundations of service-learning in institutions of higher education. Proposals in this category should have a broad impact on the growth of service-learning at state, regional, or national levels.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: State Education Agencies (SEAs), State Commissions on National and Community Service, Grant making Entities (faith-based and other nonprofits serving two or more states), Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories, and institutions of higher education to support programs that combine learning and community service.

Contact: Learn and Serve America, Phone: 202-606-7510, Email: [Isahighered@cns.gov](mailto:Isahighered@cns.gov)

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.org>

## Funding Opportunities

### Learn and Serve America Higher Education Program #2 (Priority #2: Community Based Grants)

*Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)*

**Deadline: 3/07/2006**

The purpose of higher education grants is to expand participation in community service and service-learning by supporting innovative community service programs carried out through institutions of higher education that act as civic institutions to meet the human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs of neighboring communities. Emphasis is placed both on institutional change to support service and service-learning within higher education and on community problem-solving and capacity-building.

Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grants support a variety of community service and service-learning activities including: creating and expanding community service and service-learning programs; training faculty, K-12 teachers, and others to conduct service-learning; integrating service-learning into professional education programs; strengthening the service-learning infrastructure within higher education institutions; and supplementing community service and service-learning activities through Federal Work-Study (FWS) programs. Participants in higher education programs include graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Under this competition, Learn and Serve America funds innovative proposals that strengthen the foundations of service-learning in institutions of higher education. Proposals in this category should have a broad impact on the growth of service-learning at state, regional, or national levels.

Maximum Grant Size: \$4,500,000

Eligible Applicants: State Education Agencies (SEAs), State Commissions on National and Community Service, Grant making Entities (faith-based and other nonprofits serving two or more states), Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories, and institutions of higher education to support programs that combine learning and community service.

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Website: <http://www.nationalservice.org>

### Learn and Serve America Higher Education Program #4 (Priority #4: School-Based Competitive Grants)

*Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)*

**Deadline: 3/07/2006**

The purpose of higher education grants is to expand participation in community service and service-learning by supporting innovative community service programs carried out through institutions of higher education that act as civic institutions to meet the human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs of neighboring communities. Emphasis is placed both on institutional change to support service and service-learning within higher education and on community problem-solving and capacity-building.

Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grants support a variety of community service and service-learning activities including: creating and expanding community service and service-learning programs; training faculty, K-12 teachers, and others to conduct service-learning; integrating service-learning into professional education programs; strengthening the service-learning infrastructure within higher education institutions; and supplementing community service and service-learning activities through Federal Work-Study (FWS) programs. Participants in higher education programs include graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Under this competition, Learn and Serve America funds innovative proposals that strengthen the foundations of service-learning in institutions of higher education. Proposals in this category should have a broad impact on the growth of service-learning at state, regional, or national levels.

Maximum Grant Size: \$6,500,000

Eligible Applicants: State Education Agencies (SEAs), State Commissions on National and Community Service, Grant making Entities (faith-based and other nonprofits serving two or more states), Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories, and institutions of higher education to support programs that combine learning and community service.

## Funding Opportunities

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Website: <http://www.nationalservice.org>

### Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) Type 1

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 1/5/2006** Letter of intent, **2/9/2006** Final applications

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) seeks to increase the number of students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Type 1 proposals are solicited that provide for full implementation efforts at academic institutions.

Total Funding Available: \$25,000,000

Number of Awards: 15-20

Eligible Applicants: Type 1 proposals are invited from academic institutions in the United States and its territories, from consortia thereof, or from non-profit organizations that have established consortia among such academic institutions. The academic institutions must offer either associate degrees or baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM). Associate degree-granting institutions with a demonstrated record of articulation to STEM baccalaureate programs need not necessarily grant associate degrees in STEM fields in order to be eligible for this program.

Projects may involve a single institution, collaboration with business and industrial partners, or collaboration among several institutions. For example, projects may include collaborative efforts that improve the transition of students among the collaborating institutions, such as transfer between two- and four-year institutions.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

### Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) Type 2

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 8/15/2006** Letter of intent, **9/26/2006** Final applications

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) seeks to increase the number of students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Type 2 proposals are solicited that support educational research projects on associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM.

Funding Available: \$25,000,000

Number of Awards: 1 – 3

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

### Developmental and Learning Sciences

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 1/15/2006**

## Funding Opportunities

This program supports studies that increase our understanding of cognitive, linguistic, social, cultural, and biological processes related to children's and adolescents' development. Additional priorities are to support developmental research that: incorporates multidisciplinary, multi-method, microgenetic, and longitudinal approaches; develops new methods and theories; examines transfer of knowledge from one domain to another and from one situation to another; assesses peer relations, family interactions, social identities, and motivation; examines the impact of family, school, and community resources; assesses adolescents' preparation for entry into the workforce; and investigates the role of demographic characteristics and cultural influences on children's development. Research supported by this program will add to our basic knowledge of how people learn and the underlying developmental processes that support learning, with the objective of leading to better educated children and adolescents who grow up to take productive roles as workers and as citizens.

Funding Available: \$5,000,000

Number of Awards: 20-30

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

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### HEALTH

#### New Access Points In Programs Funded Under the Health Centers Consolidation Act

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)*

**Deadline: 12/01/2005**

The purpose of this activity is to support the establishment of new service delivery sites for each type of Health Centers funded under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act. Each application for support to establish a new site must identify a population in need of primary health care services, and propose a specific plan to increase access to care and reduce disparities identified in the population or community to be served. This activity is the lead in fulfilling the President's multi-year Initiative to Expand Health Centers to bring much needed primary health care services to the Nation's neediest communities. In FY 2006, the establishment of new delivery sites under this program will be in the final year of a five-year initiative. The purpose of the Consolidated Health Center Program is to extend comprehensive primary and preventive health services (including mental health, substance abuse and oral health services) and supplemental services to populations currently without access to such services, and to improve their health status.

The population served by these programs is, respectively: medically underserved populations in urban and rural areas; migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families; homeless people, including children and families; residents of publicly subsidized housing; and medically underserved school-students (K-12), their families, and medically underserved populations surrounding the school.

Maximum Grant Size: \$600,000

Number of Awards: 145

Eligible Applicants: Public and non-profit private entities, including tribal, faith-based and community-based organizations. Such as:

Community Health Centers, section 330(e);

Migrant Health Centers, section 330(g);

Health Care for the Homeless program, section 330(h);

Public Housing Primary Care, section 330(i); and

School Based Health Centers, section 330.

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Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov>

## Funding Opportunities

### Innovative Approaches to Promoting a Healthy Weight in Women

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)*

**Deadline: 12/02/2005**

Under this announcement, the Innovative Approaches to Promoting a Healthy Weight in Women grant will fund projects to develop creative, innovative approaches that are effective in reducing the prevalence of overweight/obesity in women by increasing the number of women who adopt positive health lifestyles. The interventions must be substantive in nature and positively impact the women's knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors. These approaches should target women in communities who have limited access to preventive health services.

Total Funding Available: \$450,000

Number of Awards: 3

Eligible Applicants: Any public or private entity, including an Indian tribe or tribal organization, faith based and community based organization is eligible to apply for this Federal funding.

Contact: Lisa R. King; Phone: 301-443-5720; Email: lking@hrsa.gov

Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov>

### Nurse Education, Practice and Retention

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)*

**Deadline: 12/06/2005**

Grants are awarded to eligible institutions for projects to strengthen and enhance the capacity for nurse education, practice and retention to address the nursing shortage. Education priority areas are:

- expanding enrollment in baccalaureate nursing programs;
- developing and implementing internship and residency programs to encourage mentoring and the development of specialties; and providing education in new technologies, including distance learning methodologies.

Maximum Grant Size: \$255,000

Number of Awards: 82

Eligible Applicants: for the purpose to expand enrollment in baccalaureate nursing programs are collegiate schools of nursing. Eligible entities for all other purposes are: schools of nursing, health care facilities, or a partnership of such a school and facility, nursing centers, academic health centers, State or local governments, and Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, other public or private non-profit entities capable of carrying out the legislative purpose.

Contact: Catherine Rupinta, Phone: 301-443-6193, Email: crupinta@hrsa.gov

### Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)*

**Deadline: 12/06/2005**

To train and educate nursing personnel in providing geriatric care by providing support for training of individuals, development and dissemination of curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals; for training faculty members in geriatrics; or for continuing education to individuals who provide geriatric care. Programs and initiatives are developed and implemented in coordination with programs under section 573 of the Public Health Service Act.

Maximum Grant Size: \$160,000

## Funding Opportunities

Number of Awards: 20

Eligible Applicants: schools of nursing, academic health centers, a health care facility, a program leading to certification as a certified nurse assistant, a partnership of such a school and facility, or a partnership of such a program and facility, other appropriate public or private non-profit entities, and for-profit entities capable of carrying out the legislative intent.

Contact: Patricia A. Calico, Phone: 301-443-6333, Email: pcalico@hrsa.gov

### National Research Initiative: Bioactive Food Components for Optimal Health

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 12/13/2005**

The consumption of a nutritious diet is important for maintaining long-term health and decreasing the risk for chronic disease. The primary objective of this program is to support research to improve our understanding of the role of foods and their biologically active components in promoting health. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,500,000

Eligible Applicants:

1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, City or Township Governments, County Governments, For-profit Organizations Other Than Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Organizations, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Small Business, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education and State Governments

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Website: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov>

### Planning Grants for Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Awards

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline: 2/27/2006**Letter of intent, **3/27/2006**Final applications

This RFA invites applications to support planning activities to design Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Award programs. The goal of the institutional CTSA program is to give the flexibility and stimulus for institutions to increase the synergy of their existing resources and talent and to propose ways to increase the efficiency and speed of clinical and translational research. This goal may be easier to reach if such efforts are conducted within a true academic home, comprising a dedicated faculty and staff who share a transformative vision, mission and strategy. The academic home, which can be a Center, Department, or Institute, is expected to include faculty who conduct original research, develop graduate and postgraduate training curricula and lead programs that integrate clinical and translational science across multiple departments, schools, clinical and research institutes and hospitals. The purpose of this RFA is to provide resources to allow institutions to develop a plan for the content, governance, administration and evaluation of a CTSA, and to manage the necessary organizational and cultural changes needed to implement the program. Planning activities are intended to lay the foundation and prepare institutions for submitting a subsequent CTSA application.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Number of Awards: 50

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories



## Funding Opportunities

### Domestic Institutions

Contact: Bernard Talbot, Phone: 301-435-0793, Email: talbotb@mail.nih.gov

Website: <http://www.nih.gov>

### National Research Initiative: Human Nutrition and Obesity

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)*

**Deadline: 6/15/2006**

This crosscutting program addresses the complex problem of obesity prevention. Projects funded by this program are intended to lead to a better understanding of the behavioral and environmental factors that influence obesity and to the development and evaluation of effective interventions to prevent obesity. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,500,000

Eligible Applicants:

1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, City or Township Governments, County Governments, For-profit Organizations Other Than Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Organizations, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Small Business, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, State Governments

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Website: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov>

### Developmental Grant for Patient-Oriented Research

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline: 1/15/2006**

The NIDCD is encouraging R24 developmental grant applications that will lead to future patient-oriented research in the NIDCD mission areas of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech and language. The intent of this RFA is to provide support for the creation of partnerships among researchers and/or among researchers and interested organizations (e.g., academia, health care organizations, industry, and patient organizations) and for the conduct of developmental and planning activities for future research applications. The final objective of the R24 must be the submission of specific competitive research grant applications (R01s, R21s, P50s and/or P30s).

Maximum Grant Size: \$50,000

Number of Awards: 2-4

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Domestic Institutions, Faith-based or community-based organizations, Foreign institutions are not eligible to apply. Foreign institutions may participate only as collaborating Institutions.

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Website: <http://www.nih.gov>

### Academic Research Enhancement Award

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline: 12/19/2005**

The purpose of the Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) program is to stimulate research in educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists, but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. These AREA grants create opportunities for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH programs, to contribute to the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Eligible Applicants: Public or private institutions and components of institutions defined below as "health professional schools/colleges" and "other academic components."

Contact: Linda Stecklein, Phone: 301-402-7989, Email: [stecklel@od.nih.gov](mailto:stecklel@od.nih.gov)

Website: <http://www.nih.gov>

### Medicare Health Care Quality Demonstration Programs

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)*

**Deadline: 1/30/2006**

This notice informs eligible health care groups of an opportunity to apply to participate in the Medicare Health Care Quality demonstration. The goal of the demonstration is to improve the quality of care and services delivered to Medicare beneficiaries through a major system redesign that fosters best practice guideline usage, continuous quality and patient safety improvement, shared decision making between providers and patients, and the delivery of culturally and ethnically appropriate care. A competitive process will be used to select 8 to 12 health care organizations (that is, physician group practices, integrated delivery systems, and regional coalitions of physician group practices and integrated delivery systems) to participate in the 5-year demonstration. The application solicitation will be conducted in two phases.

Eligible Applicants: Physician groups, integrated delivery systems, and organizations representing regional coalitions of physician groups or integrated delivery systems are eligible to apply.

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**The Obese and Diabetic Intrauterine Environment: Long-term Metabolic or Cardiovascular Consequences in the Offspring** *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline: 02/16/2006**

The objective of this RFA is to support mechanistic research investigating the effects of maternal obesity, gestational diabetes or diabetes on the development of obesity and other metabolic and cardiovascular diseases or cancer in the offspring. This is a new and burgeoning area with important clinical implications. Thus, the applications solicited by this RFA should not only elucidate factors involved in the etiology of obesity in the offspring of obese mothers but in addition, should provide the scientific basis whereby future prevention and intervention studies in humans can be developed. Proposed studies in murine, rat and large animal models, like sheep and non-human primates, should be focused on identifying the potential mechanisms mediating the proposed long-term consequences of maternal obesity or diabetes on the offspring. Outcome variables should not be limited solely to the weight of the offspring but should also include specific measurement of biological endpoints in appropriate tissues such as the brain, adipocyte, heart and vasculature, placenta, endothelium, mammary gland or pancreatic islet. Pilot studies demonstrating the feasibility of conducting

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ethical and appropriate studies in humans will also be considered. Studies conducted in non-human primates and where possible, in humans, are encouraged.

Maximum Grant Size: \$275,000

Number of Awards: 12-14

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories

Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Foreign Institutions,

Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH programs.

Contact: Karen Teff, Phone: 301-451-7335, Email: kt216q@nih.gov

### Interdisciplinary Partnerships in Environmental Health Sciences

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline: 12/11/05**

The objective of this initiative is to foster scientific collaboration between clinical and basic investigators to accelerate the application of basic research results into the clinical setting to improve human health in those areas where environmental factors are known or expected to influence the development or progression of human disease. Scientific knowledge achieved through this research program is expected to move the field of environmental health sciences into new directions and approaches for the identification, treatment, and prevention of environmentally-related diseases or disorders. Through this initiative, the NIEHS will support both the development of new collaborations between researchers with basic and clinical expertise and the continued efforts of existing collaborations. Both activities must directly support the integration of clinical and basic science research.

Maximum Grant Size: \$450,000

Number of Awards: 8-10

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories

Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Foreign Institutions

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Website: <http://www.nih.gov>

### Intervention and Practice Research for Combat Related Mental Disorders and Stress Reactions, *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline: 12/28/05**

The sponsoring agencies jointly issue this Request for Applications (RFA) to enhance and accelerate research on the identification, prevention and treatment of combat related posttraumatic psychopathology and similar adjustment problems. This RFA targets studies involving active-duty or recently separated, National Guard and Reserve troops involved in current and recent military operations (e.g., Iraq and Afghanistan). The sponsoring agencies encourage collaborations involving VA, DOD, and other clinicians and researchers that provide screening, assessment, and/or direct care (resilience building, early intervention/prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, maintenance) to groups and individuals who are at-risk, combat exposed, and/or diagnosed with posttraumatic psychopathology.

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Total Funding Available: \$1,500,000

Number of Awards: 4 – 6

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories. Also: units of State government, units of local government, eligible agencies of the Federal government, foreign Institutions, domestic Institutions, faith-based or community-based organizations, units of State Tribal government, units of Local Tribal government.

Contact: Farris Tuma, Phone: 301-443-3648, Email: [ftuma@nih.gov](mailto:ftuma@nih.gov)

Website: <http://www.nih.gov>

### Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline:** 12/26/2005 Letter of intent, 1/24/2006 Final applications

This program announcement (PAR) encourages investigators to submit research grant applications that will identify, develop, and refine effective and efficient methods, structures, and strategies that test models to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions and evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment, and quality of life improvement services into public health and clinical practice settings.

The goals of this PAR are to encourage trans-disciplinary teams of scientists and practice stakeholders to work together to develop and/or test conceptual models of dissemination and implementation that may be applicable across diverse practice settings, and design studies that will accurately assess the outcomes of dissemination and implementation efforts.

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories

Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Foreign Institutions, Faith-based or community-based organizations

Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH programs.

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### W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grants

*W.K. Kellogg Foundation*

**Deadline:** Rolling/ Open

Health programming at the Kellogg Foundation focuses explicitly on improving individual and community health and improving access and the quality of health care. The goal over the next five years is to promote health among vulnerable individuals and communities through programming that: empowers individuals, mobilizes communities, engages institutions, improves health care quality and access, and informs public and marketplace policy. Grant making takes into account the social and economic determinants of health within a person's community; the quality of health institutions within that community; and the policies that determine how health services are organized, provided, and financed. Grant making also targets communities, health care systems, and public health as centers of change.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible organizations include nonprofit organizations with 501(c)3 status.

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Contact: Deborah A Rey, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, One Michigan Ave. East, Battle Creek, MI 49017-4058.

Website: <http://www.wkkf.org/Grants/>

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### Research and Development on Impression Evidence

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)*

**Deadline: 11/29/2005**

NIJ seeks concept papers for research and development to enhance crime laboratories' ability to identify, characterize, capture, visualize, and preserve impression evidence. This solicitation focuses on:

- Faster, reliable, widely applicable, less costly, and/or less labor-intensive tools/technologies for the identification, collection, preservation, and/or analysis of impression evidence.
- Tools that provide a quantitative measure/statistical evaluation of forensic comparisons.
- The effect of time and environmental factors on impression evidence.
- The unique forensic characteristics found in impression evidence.

Note: Impression evidence primarily includes but is not limited to firearms/tool marks, footwear impressions, tire impressions, bite marks, and friction ridges.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: Educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, individuals, and profit making organizations that are willing to waive their fees.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>

#### Research and Development on Crime Scene Tools, Techniques, and Technologies

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)*

**Deadline: 11/29/2005**

With this solicitation, NIJ seeks concept papers for research and development to enhance forensic crime scene examinations, specifically:

- Small, rugged, less costly, less labor-intensive, and nondestructive analytical tools and technologies for onsite presumptive and/or confirmatory analysis of forensic evidence at a crime scene.
- Sample location, identification, capture, and stabilization technology suitable for recovering trace particulate, liquid, chemical, and biological evidence at a crime scene.

Improving basic and fundamental understanding of chemical and biological signatures found crime scenes. Forensic crime scene evidence typically consists of, but is not limited to latent prints, blood splatter, blood, semen, hairs, fibers, gun shot residue, explosive residue, and fire debris.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: Educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, individuals, and  
profit making organizations that are willing to waive their fees.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>

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### Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Violence Against Women Office (VAWO)*

**Deadline: 12/7/2005** Letter of intent, **1/11/2006** Final applications

The Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program recognizes that domestic violence<sup>1</sup> is a crime that requires the criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable for their actions through investigation, arrest, and prosecution of violent offenders, and through close judicial scrutiny and management of offender behavior. The primary purpose of the Arrest program is to encourage communities to adopt a coordinated community response in the treatment of domestic violence as a serious violation of criminal law. This program challenges the entire community to listen, communicate, identify problems, and share ideas that will result in new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,500,000

Eligible Applicants: States, Indian tribal governments, State and local courts (including juvenile courts), and units of local government.

Contact: Phone: 202-307-6026

Website: <http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/welcome.html>

### NATURE, CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

#### Woody Biomass Utilization: Hazardous Fuel Reduction on National Forest System Lands

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service (FS)*

**Deadline: 12/01/2005 – pre-application**

The USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Technology Marketing Unit, located at the Forest Products Laboratory, requests proposals for forest products projects that increase the use of woody biomass from or near national forest lands. The woody biomass utilization grant program is intended to help improve forest restoration activities by using and creating markets for small-diameter material and low-valued trees removed from hazardous fuel reduction activities. These funds are targeted to help communities, entrepreneurs, and others turn residues from hazardous fuel reduction projects into marketable forest products and/or energy products.

Maximum Grant Size: \$250,000

Eligible Applicants: State, local, and Tribal governments, school districts, communities, non-profit organizations, businesses, companies, corporations, or special purpose districts, e.g., public utilities districts, fire districts, conservation districts, or ports. Only one application per business or organization will be accepted. Construction projects involving a permanent building or infrastructure item, such as roads, are not allowed.

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Website: <http://www.usda.gov>

### Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

*U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)*

**Deadline: Rolling / Open**

Over 70 percent of our Nation's landscape is in private ownership. The health of our fish and wildlife populations depend on habitat found on private lands. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides assistance to private landowners who want to restore or improve habitat on their property. The demand for this service is strong--since the program began, landowner interest has out-paced the Service's delivery capacity. In many States, there is a waiting list of landowners interested in participating. Our restoration projects may include, but are not limited to: Restoring wetland hydrology by plugging drainage ditches, breaking tile drainage systems, installing water control structures, dike construction, and re-establishing old connections with waterways. Planting native trees and shrubs in formerly forested wetlands and other habitats. Planting native grasslands and other vegetation. Installing fencing and off-stream livestock watering facilities to allow for restoration of stream and riparian areas. Removal of exotic plants and animals that compete with native fish and wildlife and alter their natural habitats. Prescribed burning as a method of removing exotic species and to restore natural disturbance regimes necessary for some species survival. Reconstruction of in-stream aquatic habitat through bioengineering techniques. Reestablishing fish passage for migratory fish by removing barriers to movement.

Maximum Grant Size: \$25,000

Eligible Applicants: any privately-owned land is potentially eligible for restoration. Most of the applicants are individual landowners. For the purposes of this program "privately-owned" generally means lands not owned by a State or the Federal government. Tribes, schools, local governments, businesses and organizations are examples of eligible applicants.

Contact: Branch of Habitat Restoration, Phone: 703-358-2201

Website: <http://www.fws.gov>

### Partnership for Clean Indoor Air Outreach, Communication and Education

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*

**Deadline: 12/02/2005**

EPA seeks applications from eligible entities to implement outreach, communication and education activities to support the Partnership for Clean Indoor Air in achieving its' mission to improve health, livelihood, and quality of life by reducing exposure to indoor air pollution from household energy use in developing countries. EPA solicits proposals from entities with experience implementing outreach and communication efforts that have achieved positive outcomes in the international household energy and health sector.

Through this RFA, EPA is seeking a qualified organization to increase the exchange of technical and programmatic information among the Partners and others working in the global household energy and health sectors and facilitate the promotion of effective approaches to household energy and health throughout partnering countries. Activities will promote and support direct information exchange within and between regions among technology users, technology and social science researchers, entrepreneurs, project implementers, program directors and policy makers. These exchanges will help participants share their experiences, identify lessons learned, and more rapidly assimilate insights gained around the world.

Maximum Grant Size: \$250,000

Eligible Applicants: Proposals will be accepted from universities, States, territories, Indian Tribes, and possessions of the U.S., including District of Columbia; international organizations; public and private universities and colleges; hospitals; laboratories; and other public or private nonprofit institutions.



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### Open Rivers Initiative Barrier Removal Project Grants

*U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*

**Deadline: 1/13/2006**

The NOAA Open Rivers Initiative (ORI) provides funding to catalyze the implementation of locally-driven barrier removal projects that remove dams and other barriers, in order to benefit living marine resources, particularly diadromous fish. Projects funded through ORI grants will have strong on-the-ground habitat restoration components that foster economic, educational, and social benefits for citizens and their communities in addition to long-term ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources. The role of NOAA in this initiative is to provide funding and technical assistance for barrier removal projects.

The principal objectives of the ORI are to provide Federal financial and technical assistance to locally-driven removals of dams and other barriers to enhance watershed health, to foster sustainable fish populations, and to improve community vitality and economic growth. This will help restore living marine and coastal resources and their habitats and promote stewardship and a conservation ethic for NOAA trust resources, particularly diadromous fish.

Maximum Grant Size: \$250,000

Number of Awards: 30 – 50

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other non-profits, industry and commercial (for profit) organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments whose projects have the potential to benefit NOAA trust resources. Applications from Federal agencies or employees of Federal agencies will not be considered. Federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with states, non-governmental organizations, national service clubs or youth corps organizations and others that are eligible to apply. The Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA) is strongly committed to broadening the participation of historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges and universities, and institutions that work in under served areas. The ORI encourages proposals from or involving any of the above institutions.

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Website: <http://www.noaa.gov>

### TRANSPORTATION

#### Study and Analysis of Strategies for the Technology Innovation in the Transportation Sector

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ)*

**Deadline: 12/14/2005**

EPA is seeking to fund a cooperative agreement with an eligible institution to develop innovative strategies which would result in the development and adoption of improved vehicle technologies and fuels within the United States. Such innovative strategies will consider the technical options currently available or anticipated to be available in the next 10 to 15 years, the industry and consumer cost impacts of these technologies compared to current vehicles and fuels, economic impacts, both micro and macro, to industry, consumers and society and potential policy implications. As such, EPA anticipates a multi-disciplinary approach would provide a most complete evaluation, drawing on the varied analytical disciplines including (but not limited to) economics, engineering, public policy, natural resources and modeling as well as legal considerations.

This cooperative agreement also seeks separate and parallel identification and evaluation of avenues for accelerating the transfer of low emission

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vehicle and fuel technology to developing nations. The recently announced agreement between the United States and several Asian nations highlighted the benefits of technology transfer to help address the growing emissions concerns in developing nations including China and India. With such technology transfer as a goal, identification of barriers to such technology transfer and means for overcoming those barriers.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: Proposals will be accepted from States, territories, Indian Tribes, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia; international organizations; public and private universities and colleges; hospitals; laboratories; and other public or private nonprofit institutions.

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